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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE.

SUBJECT: Duplication of Intelligence Information.

1. Investigation.

1. Pursuant to instructions from the Chief, CIC, Land Upper Austria, and in accordance with Informal Routing Slip from Chief, CIC USA, Subject: Duplication of Networks, dated 20 September 1948, an investigation was conducted to determine whether SOI's, under code name "MOUNT VERNON", L/9397, dated 20 September 1948, Subject: ALGERIA - Russian Troop Activities, L/3358, dated 17 September 1948, Subject: ALGERIA - Russian Troops, Thundersoff, Lower Austria, and draft copies of SOI's submitted by S/A Alexander, were received from the same subsource, and to determine whether or not source of "MOUNT VERNON" knew source of "ALGERIA". It was also requested that it be determined if any connections exist between "MOUNT VERNON" and "ALGERIA", Alfred, who is a friend of "ALGERIA". It was further requested, that it be determined if connections exist between sources mentioned above and one "ALGERIA", who is presently operating out of Salzburg, Austria. An additional Informal Routing Slip from Chief, CIC, U.S.A., Subject: Duplication of Intelligence Information, dated 5 October 1948 requested that SOI's L/2357 dated 20 September 1948, Subject: Duplication of Intelligence Information, be reviewed in the same manner as the IS dated 20 September 1948.

2. Interrogation of source "MOUNT VERNON" concerning his knowledge of the subsource of "ALGERIA" known as "ALGERIA", Josef, and duplication of information revealed the following information:

"MOUNT VERNON" although not in direct contact with "ALGERIA", has contacted him through a "cut-out" and according to the "cut-out" "MOUNT VERNON" had until a few months ago been in direct contact with S/A Alexander and had supplied to him a great deal of information, shortly before the "cut-out" was contacted "MOUNT VERNON", to get him to work for "MOUNT VERNON". "MOUNT VERNON" had, according to his own statement, decided to break relations with Alexander, "MOUNT VERNON", according to "cut-out" felt that he and his information were not getting the proper pay for his contribution he felt he deserved. When "MOUNT VERNON" "cut-out" was contacted "MOUNT VERNON" asked him if he was willing to work for him, "MOUNT VERNON" agreed and handed over six or seven copies of reports he had previously handed to Alexander and which he felt had not been used.

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These reports would of course account for the duplications.

3. Upon contacting MASCHER at a later date, the "cut-out" man learned that S/A Alexander had again contacted MASCHER and attempted to get him to come back to work with him. In attempting to convince MASCHER that he was being "cheated" and should return to work for him, Alexander informed MASCHER that he knew that he was in the employ of "MOUNT VERNON" whom he stated was in the employ of CIC Camden and also stated the exact amount of schooling aid monthly to "Mount Vernon".

4. "MOUNT VERNON" stated that at one time connections did exist between S/A J. H. BROWN and one of "MOUNT VERNON's" subsources but that all connections with BROWN were dropped in the beginning of September 1942. However, contact with MASCHER is still maintained. The Salzburg subsource of "MOUNT VERNON" claimed that he received his information from MASCHER prior to their break in relations.

5. "MOUNT VERNON" stated that he has no knowledge of EDWIN LAMM, alias, of Czechoslovakia, Vienna VI., nor of CHURCHMAN, Fred.

CONCLUSIONS:

Contact with MASCHER is being continued due to the fact that he has stated that he will not work with CIC Vienna's representative but is very willing to work with "MOUNT VERNON's" "cut-out" LAMM.

It is felt that the contact between the subsource of "MOUNT VERNON" and MASCHER would account for the duplication of reports by Camden and Salzburg, but now that the contact no longer exists, duplication should cease.

DOUGLAS J. FERRIS
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